



**HAWAI'I COVID-19 JOINT INFORMATION CENTER**  
**DAILY NEWS DIGEST**  
May 11, 2020

**Governor's Office:**

**Don't Congregate, No Big-Groups, Masks in Public – Governor Reminds**

At a Monday afternoon news briefing Governor David Ige again asked everyone to remain vigilant in order to stay on the right track. He commented, "We'll lose all of our progress and the sacrifices you've all made if we see a surge in COVID-19 cases. All of your work will have been meaningless." Hawai'i has reported fewer than three new cases each of the past four days, with no new cases reported last Friday. The governor said we have flattened the curve, but the state has received numerous reports of people not following social distancing guidelines and not wearing masks while in close proximity to other people.

**CARES Act Provides \$1.25 Billion to Hawai'i**

While the appropriation of the one and a quarter billion dollars the state is receiving from the federal CARES Act does not require the legislature to take action, Governor Ige thanked law makers for their work and said he thought it was important to engage the House and the Senate for accountability and transparency. \$862 million of the funding is allocated to the State for a variety of response, prevention and recovery activities. Of that amount the counties of Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i will receive a total of \$175 million. The City and County of Honolulu is receiving \$387 million. The governor intends for the remaining balance of \$553 million to bolster unemployment benefits for Hawai'i residents.

**Department of Health:**

**Two New Cases of COVID-19 Reported on O'ahu**

One adult and one minor are the latest two cases of COVID-19 being reported by DOH. Both cases are O'ahu residents and are travel-associated. It is critical for all those who return from essential travel to stay in mandatory 14-day self-quarantine to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The total of coronavirus cases in the state is 634 since Feb. 28, 2020.

## Hawai'i COVID-19 Counts as of 12:00 noon, May 11, 2020

Island of Diagnosis	New Cases	Reported since 2/28/2020 (including new cases)	Total Released from Isolation*
O'ahu	2	410	376
Hawai'i	0	75	74
Maui	0	115	89
Kaua'i	0	21	20
Moloka'i	0	2	2
Lana'i	0	0	0
Residents Diagnosed outside HI	0	11	
Unknown**	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>634</b>	
<b>Total released from isolation</b>			<b>561</b>
Deaths	0	17	

\* Includes cases that meet isolation release criteria. Cases that have died and one case that left the jurisdiction have been removed from these counts.

\*\* Refers to positive cases that have an unknown county of diagnosis at the time of this report. As more information becomes available for these cases, they are assigned to the proper County of Diagnosis. A negative number indicates the number of previously unknown cases that have now been assigned to a county.

## Laboratory\* Testing Data

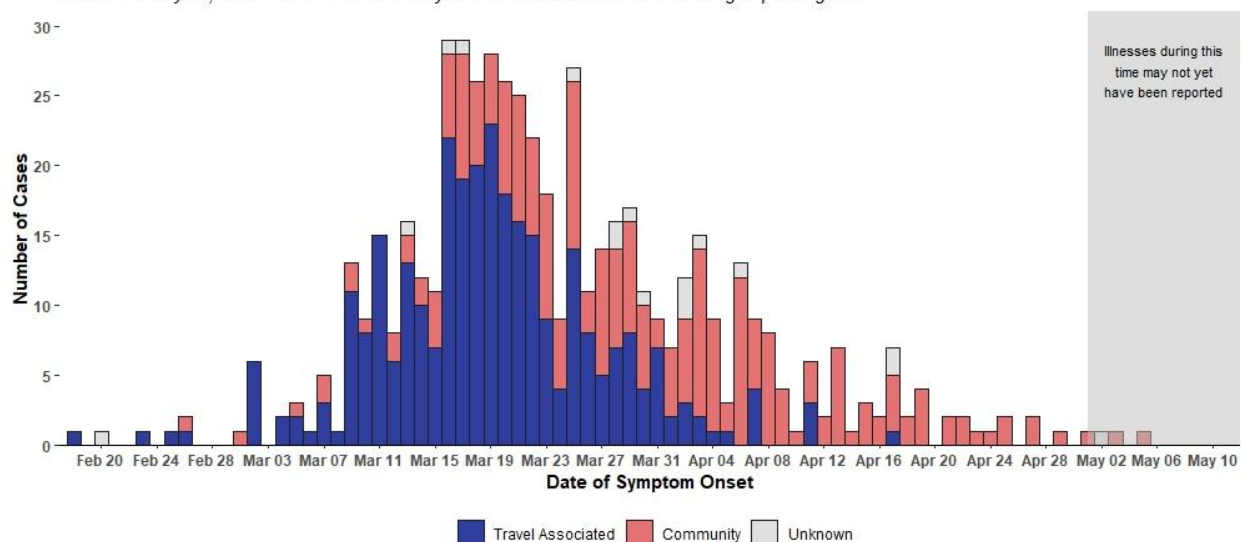
Total Number of Individuals Tested by Clinical and State Laboratories	Positive	Negative
36,612**	632	35,956

\*Electronic Laboratory Reporting \*\*24 test results were inconclusive.

**Please note:** There appears to have been a glitch in the ELR reporting, in that the system was over counting some tests over the past week. Staff have fixed the issue and adjusted the data.

## COVID-19 Cases by Exposure—Hawaii, 2020 (N=556)

Data as of May 10, 2020. All cases to date may not be included because of missing or pending data.



For more tables visit: <https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/>

### **DOH Reminder – Check for the Green Placard Before Buying Food from Vendors**

DOH is reminding you to check for the official Green “Passed” Placard before purchasing food especially from online or roadside vendors, some have never been inspected or licensed by state health officials. Individuals selling prepared foods without a food safety permit put people at risk of food-related illness and foodborne disease outbreaks. It is illegal to sell perishable foods without state approval and a permit from the DOH Food Safety Branch.

Exemptions to state food safety regulations are homemade non-perishable baked goods candies, and snacks-sold directly to individuals and not sold to food establishments, retailers and distributors. For example, an office bake sale does not require a food service permit. Please contact the Food Safety Branch at (808) 586-8000 for questions or to report illegal food establishments. To check if a food establishment has a valid state food safety permit or to review inspection reports, go to: <https://hi.healthinspections.us/hawaii/>

Read the entire news release: <https://health.hawaii.gov/news/newsroom/hawaii-department-of-health-advises-the-public-to-always-check-for-the-green-passed-placard-before-purchasing-food-from-vendors/>

### **Hawai'i Tourism Authority:**

#### **854 Passengers Arrive in Hawai'i**

Yesterday, 854 people arrived in Hawai'i including 246 visitors and 334 residents. The following table shows passenger numbers coming into the state. The table in the DBEDT section shows interisland travel.

#### **AIRPORT ARRIVALS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020**

	<b>KONA</b>	<b>MAUI</b>	<b>O'AHU</b>	<b>LĪHU'E</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Crew	2	12	118		132
Intended New Resident	3	1	76		80
Resident	20	10	304		334
Transit			62		62
Visitor	17	14	215		246
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>854</b>
Flights	3	3	13	0	19

*\*Visitors are people who do not have a Hawai'i ID, including essential healthcare workers, essential federal workers, former residents like mainland college students coming to stay with family, military on temporary assignment and leisure travelers.*

<https://www.hawaiitourismauthority.org/media/4576/051120-passenger-count-press-release.pdf>

## **Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism**

### **INTERISLAND AIRPORT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES FOR MAY 7, 2020**

#### **Arriving Airport**

<b>Departing Airport</b>	<b>HNL</b>	<b>KOA</b>	<b>ITO</b>	<b>OGG</b>	<b>LIH</b>	<b>MMK</b>	<b>LNK</b>	<b>JHM</b>	<b>MUE</b>	<b>Total Departing</b>
Honolulu (HNL)	0	104	153	131	99	31	5	0	0	<b>523</b>
Kona (KOA)	212	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	<b>225</b>
Hilo (ITO)	233	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>234</b>
Kahului (OGG)	250	8	0	0	0	10	1	0	6	<b>275</b>
Līhu'e (LIH)	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>118</b>
Moloka'i (MMK)	28	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	<b>39</b>
Lāna'i (LYN)	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>7</b>
Kapalua (JHM)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Waimea (MUE)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Arriving</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,423</b>

<https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/economic/covid19/>

### **Hawai'i State Legislature:**

#### **House and Senate Reconvene, Public Viewing Held Online**

The Legislature reconvened Monday and will remain in session through Monday, May 18. The session is focusing on stabilizing the state budget and budget-related bills in anticipation of a \$1 billion shortfall in state revenues. The State Capitol remains closed, but anyone can still submit written testimony and livestream the proceedings:

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/broadcasts.aspx>

### **Department of Hawaiian Home Lands:**

#### **DHHL, Aloha United Way Launch Beneficiary Rental Relief Program**

A new program to provide rental relief for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Applicant Waiting List beneficiaries launched today, in partnership with Aloha United Way (AUW). The program's implementation was approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) at its April meeting. DHHL's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide eligible beneficiaries with rental assistance using \$7 million in Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant funds. HHC Chairman William J. Ailā, Jr. said, "We started by implementing mortgage relief programs for existing homesteaders and now we are pleased to launch this initiative with AUW to help applicants on our Waiting List. Norm Baker, interim AUW President and CEO commented, "Through data we understand the native Hawaiian population is one of our most vulnerable. The funds from the DHHL rental relief program administered by AUW will prevent native Hawaiian families from slipping into homelessness. We estimate more than 2,500 households will be saved from eviction." Eligible native Hawaiians on DHHL's Applicant Waiting List who have experienced a loss of income or job as a result of COVID-19 may receive assistance for the payment of their security deposit and/or rent for up to six months. To apply for DHHL's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program, call AUW at 2-1-1. Learn the latest about COVID-19 impacts on DHHL activities by visiting [dhhl.hawaii.gov/covid-19](https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/covid-19).

**Department of Human Services:****Emergency SNAP Supplement to Aid Households**

DHS has received approval to provide three months of emergency SNAP supplements to address temporary food needs for SNAP households. This emergency SNAP supplement will bring all households up to the maximum benefit amount, based on household size, regardless of income. SNAP households who already received the maximum benefit amount will not receive an emergency supplement. There is no action needed from customers to receive these payments. Emergency supplements will be automatically issued to the SNAP household's EBT card. To view how much you would now be getting based on your household size:

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/blog/emergency-snap-supplement-will-bring-households-the-maximum-benefit/>

**Preschool Open Doors Program Deadline Extended to May 15th**

Additional help is being offered for families in need of affordable preschool for the 2020-2021 school year. In response to the COVID-19 emergency, DHS is extending the deadline to submit applications until May 15, 2020 for the Preschool Open Doors program. DHS Director Pankaj Bhanot said, "During these challenging times, we will continue to serve our State with aloha. Together, we honor our commitment to supporting our collective community; individuals and families from keiki to kupuna." Both the application period and funding are limited, so DHS is encouraging families to apply before that May 15 deadline. To qualify for the program, children must be eligible to enter kindergarten in the 2021-2022 DOE school year (born between August 1, 2015 and July 31, 2016). If awarded a subsidy, families may use any one of the 426 state-licensed preschools. DHS also gives priority to underserved or at-risk children.

<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/blog/preschool-open-doors-program-deadline-extended-to-may-15-2020-amid-covid-19/>

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